

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TIFFANY WATTS,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CR19-0201-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the Government's unopposed motion to continue the trial date and pretrial deadlines (Dkt. No. 22). Defendant has filed a speedy trial waiver up to and including September 30, 2020. (Dkt. No. 23.)

On March 17, 2020, the Court issued General Order No. 02-20, which provides that "[a]ll civil and criminal hearings and trial dates in [the Seattle and Tacoma] Courthouses scheduled to occur before June 1, 2020, are continued pending further order of the Court" and that:

With regard to criminal matters, due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the effect of the above public health recommendations on the availability of witnesses, counsel and Court staff to be present in the courtroom, the time period of the continuances implemented by this General Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). For the same reasons, the Court finds under 18 U.S.C. § 3060(C) extraordinary circumstances exist, and justice requires delay of all criminal preliminary hearings during the time period of the continuances

1 implemented by this order.

2 W.D. Wash., General Order 02-20 §§ 2, 4 (Mar. 17, 2020); *see* W.D. Wash., General Order 08-  
3 20 (May 13, 2020) (extending procedures established by General Orders 02-20 and 03-20 for 30  
4 days).

5 Having thoroughly considered the Government's motion, Defendant's Speedy Trial waiver,  
6 and the Court's General Orders, the Court hereby FINDS as follows:

- 7 1. For the reasons set forth in the motion and General Order 02-20, the ends of justice  
8 served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant  
9 in a speedy trial, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A); and  
10 2. Failure to grant a continuance would likely make trial impossible, result in a miscarriage  
11 of justice, and deny counsel for both parties the reasonable time necessary for effective  
12 preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, 18 U.S.C.  
13 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (B)(iv).

14 For the foregoing reasons, the Government's motion to continue trial (Dkt. No. 22) is  
15 GRANTED. It is therefore ORDERED that the trial date is CONTINUED from June 8, 2020, to  
16 September 28, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. The Court further ORDERS that the time between the date of  
17 this order and the new trial date is excludable time under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to 18  
18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A), 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii), and 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). Any pretrial motions shall be  
19 filed no later than August 28, 2020.

20 DATED this 26th day of May 2020.

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23 John C. Coughenour  
24 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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